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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Dietetics and Nutrition
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Friday, November 14, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, first floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	February 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Maryann Eastep, L.D.N., Chair
Jaime Sherman, Professional Member, Vice-Chairman
Jackie Griffith, Public Member
Lucinda Mancuso, Professional Member
Timothy Bane, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Latonya Brown, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Ginger Hodulik, BCNS
Donna Trader, DAND
Natalie McKenney, DAND

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Eastep called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 30, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Eastep seconded by Ms. Griffith, to approve the amended minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Licensure

A motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Griffith to ratify the following CDR applicants who had been granted a licensure by the Division of Professional Regulation:

Natalie Adler, Andrea Marshall, Craig Humfelt, Leah Brown, Mary Shane and Corrin McLaughlin. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT STATUS

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OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

Review of the amended Supervised Practice Experience Assessment Form

Ms. Brown explained to the Board that the changes to the Supervised Practice Experience form has been submitted and will be available to view online any day.

Clarification of scope of practice under 24Del Code 3802

Ms. Singh has agreed to send an email of the California Rules and Regulations for the Board to review. This discussion will continue at the next Board meeting.

Discussion of Letters Regarding BCNS (Ms. Stone)

Ms. Singh handed the Board a copy of the letter from Judy Stone on behalf of the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialist. The letter addresses the response that the Board of Dietetic sent out in October which indicates that further communication should be directed to the Department or to Attorney General Singh.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hodulink, on behalf of CNS presented to the Board their concerns regarding the utilization of the statutory definition of the scope of practice in designing the practice assessment form. Ms. Hodulink also stated that they do not agree that every applicant should be required to demonstrate cognizable experience in each of the statutorily defined areas of the scope of practice.

Ms. Hodulink mentioned that the changes made to the regulations in 2009 to accept the CNS exam and to provide an alternate way to demonstrate supervised practice besides a CADE approved internship, were made with the intent to broaden access to licensure to those who trained differently, not less adequately than dietitians. Doing so broadens access to nutrition therapy and safeguards the right of consumers to choose not just an individual professional but also to choose the type of well-qualified practitioner from whom to receive care.

Ms. Hodulink stated that requiring documentation of practice areas, which are routine to dietetics programs but may or may not be nutrition programs, the lack of which do not pose significant threats to public welfare creates a barrier to entry to a profession for which an individual is well-trained and should be allowed to practice. We believe a consequence of this method of evaluation would be to unfairly exclude well-qualified clinical nutrition practitioners to the detriment of the citizens of Delaware.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Eastep, seconded by Ms. Sherman to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Latonya Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Latonya Brown

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